

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: John N. STANIFORTH, et al.  
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IMPROVED COMPRESSIBILITY**  
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**Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 23, 2009, reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.